

Lesson 1 - Video

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Bill Bright said in his book that only 2% of all Christians share their faith regularly.

By not sharing our faith with other people, we are like the firefighter who stands by idly as a family burns to their death in a burning building.

Jesus said, "follow me, and I will make you fishers of men..." A central truth about fishing is that the fisherman must go to where the fish are.

Read Ps. 139

The most common reason Christians don't share their faith...is fear.

Ex. 3:10-15

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you [b] will worship God on this mountain."

13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am . [b] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, [b] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

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But God still calls us to do his work. God believes in us and affirms us. We give the excuse that we don't know what to say...

Exodus 4:10-17

10 Moses said to the LORD, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

11 The LORD said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD ? 12 Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

13 But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it."

14 Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. 15 You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. 16 He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. 17 But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."

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The words of Ps. 139 do not just apply to Christians... God knows everyone inside and out. Do we really believe that people are valuable to God? Do we really believe they are going to Hell if they don't know Jesus? If we do, why don't we show them who Jesus is?

Psalm 139 (New International Version)

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Psalm 139

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

- 1 O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.
- 5 You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, [b] you are there.
- 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- 12 even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.
- 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.
- 17 How precious to [b] me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.
- 19 If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!
- 20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.
- 21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you?
- 22 I have nothing but hatred for them.

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21 Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD,
and abhor those who rise up against you?
22 I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
24 See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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